

# Food Safety and Inspection Service United States Department of Agriculture Washington, D.C. 20250-3700

## **Export Library**

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### EXPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR ROMANIA

#### ELIGIBLE/INELIGIBLE PRODUCTS

## A. Eligible product

- 1. Poultry and poultry products (See restriction in B.)
- 2. Beef, beef offal, and beef products
- 3. Pork and pork products.

Note: Beef and beef products are eligible only if beef is derived from animals meeting the requirements of the Non Hormone Treated Cattle (NHTC) program found in the export requirements of the European Union. Beef tripe remains eligible from animals that do not meet NHTC requirements.

## B. Ineligible Product

- 1. Sheep and goat meat
- 2. Beef products originating from beef animals raised in <u>States</u> which have had confirmed cases of vesicular stomatitis within the last 12 months (include bovine or equine cases).
- 3. Poultry and poultry products originating from birds raised or processed in the States of California, Nevada, Arizona, and Texas are ineligible for export to Romania at this time.

## LABELING REQUIREMENTS

A. Bilingual labels (English/Romanian) are required on all product exported to Romania.

#### **DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Export Advisory: Romania requires exporter-prepared documentation to be completed for all products. The documentation includes three certificates: "Technical Sheet of the Product," "Declaration of Conformity," and "Quality Certificate". These documents are signed by company officials. Exporters are advised to contact their importer for further information.

- A. Beef and beef products Obtain FSIS form 9060-5 (7-19-01), Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and FSIS Form 9250-2 (11/93) Veterinary Certificate for Beef Meat to Romania. (See note concerning eligibility of U.S. beef in the "Eligibility" section). Additionally, the EU Member State "specific risk material" (SRM) statement must be provided for all beef exports to Romania.
- B. Pork and Pork Products Obtain FSIS form 9060-5 (7-19-01), Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and FSIS Form 9250-3 (04/22/2002), Health Certificate for Fresh Pork Meat Intended for Import to Romania.
- C. Poultry and Poultry products Obtain FSIS form 9060-5 (7-19-01), Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and FSIS Form 9250-1 (2/13/2002) Veterinary Certificate for Poultry Meat to Romania.

Note: Statements 1 and 2 in the documentation statements found on FSIS Form 9250-1 contain blanks for "region"\_\_\_\_\_. These blanks must contain the state(s) of origin of the birds.

D. Animal Casings - Obtain FSIS Form 9060-7 (3/19/1999) Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-mortem, Post Mortem, and Fit for Human Food Statements or if the consignment includes imported casings, FSIS Form 9060-18 (08/06/1998), Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-mortem, Post-mortem and Sound and Clean Statements. Also obtain FSIS Form 9250-4, (8/2/2002), Health Certificate for Animal Casings Intended for Export to Romania.

Note: Signatures on certificates - All required forms and supplementary statements must be signed by an FSIS veterinarian (name, degree [DVM or equivalent] must be typed or printed after the signature).

### OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. The production date must be included in the "Remarks" section of FSIS Form 9060-5 for all products exported to Romania.

B. Shelf-life requirements. The time period that elapses from the production date until the product reaches destination in Romania cannot exceed the following:

Beef: 12 months

Mutton and lamb: 10 months

Poultry: 12 months

Variety meats: 3 months

C. Freezing requirements. The internal temperature of the product must be maintained at or below minus 18 degrees Celsius during storage and transit.

#### D. Trichinae

- 1. Pork meat, including offals, must be trichinae treated according to one of the methods described in 9 CFR 318.10. The term "certified pork" must be indicated on the label of each carton.
- 2. Alternatively, pork meat, including offals, can be derived from carcasses that were tested for trichinae with negative results. The letter "T" must be indicated on the label of each carton.
- 3. If carcasses are exported, each carcass must have been tested for trichinae with negative results. Each carcass must be marked with the letter "T".
- E. Poultry packaging Effective November 23, 2002, poultry removed from bulk packages at wholesale and retail outlets in Romania must be repackaged. Since repackaging of frozen bulk pack product is extremely difficult, U.S. exporters are encouraged to package poultry in ready-for-retail, properly labeled packaging or in layer pack packaging.

#### PLANTS ELIGIBLE TO EXPORT

A. All Federally inspected plants are eligible to export to Romania.

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